

## NOTES ON EDUCATION.

The University of Wooster, Ohio, has 400 students, and is constantly raising its standard.

The receipts of Amherst College last year were \$55,000, and its expenditures about \$20,000 less.

The total number of students now at Yale is 1,022. Of this number, the Sheffield Scientific School has 194.

The enrolment of pupils in the evening schools at San Francisco is 3,500. There are seven commercial classes containing about 200 students. These schools give special instruction to foreigners unable to speak English.

Public sewing schools are about to be opened in Syracuse; the sessions to be held on Saturday afternoons. The pupils are not to be kept sewing more than twenty minutes at a time, and when resting are to be entertained by singing. There is to be a teacher to every six pupils, and school exercises are to continue an hour and half.

The Rev. Dr. W. H. Platt, rector of Grace Church, San Francisco, has been appointed Professor of Legal Ethics in the new Hastings Law College, connected with the University of California. It is said to be the first professorship of the kind ever established. Dr. Platt, who has had a large experience at the bar, will give practical lectures on honor, truth and integrity in the profession.

The public schools of New-Jersey are very prosperous. The total amount of school funds during the past year was \$1,072,632 34. The school property is valued at \$6,300,398. The total number of pupils enrolled is 202,634—the number of children not attending school is 72,067. Male teachers receive \$90 a month, and female teachers \$36 14—an unreasonable difference in salary if they do the same work equally well.

The following subjects are appointed for the third Junior forensics at Harvard: 1. Are there any differences between prose and poetry other than those of rhythm and metre? 2. Can we detect any of the political, ethical or philosophical opinions of Shakespeare in the utterances of his characters or the construction of his plots? 3. Should the Bible be regarded as a single book or as literature? 4. In Sophocles' play of Antigone, what should Creon have done? 5. Do the political circumstances of Germany favor literary development? 6. In comparing the characteristics of English and French novelists are there any excellencies which can fairly be called national?

The liturgical form of worship proposed for the New-Haven schools does not appear to be satisfactory to the public, judging from the expressions of opinion. The *Philadelphia Ledger* says: "The place for children to receive religious instruction is at home; or, if their homes are without care in this respect, there are the numerous agencies of the Saturday and Sunday schools open to all comers, and made very attractive to children. The adoption of a separate ritual and distinctive forms of prayer and hymns, would serve but to introduce among the children a partisan and sectarian spirit, from which the public schools are now absolutely free, and the absence of which is excellent training for the future citizen."

Mr. Homer B. Sprague, writing concerning written examinations and the evil of cramming in preparation for them, says: "Let the class never know when the examination is to be held; let the intervals between the examinations vary—sometimes two weeks, sometimes three, five, seven. Where recitations in any branch of study occur daily, there should, perhaps, be from five to ten written examinations a year. The utter uncertainty as to the time of examination, its liability to occur any day, holds the student faithfully to his work; for he must be in constant readiness to give an account of his stewardship. The heat which burns up his body and brain when concentrated into a few days or hours is a gentle and healthful warmth, if diffused evenly through several weeks. In his lessons he learns to slight nothing, omit nothing, be ignorant of nothing, leave nothing to chance."

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